



Dear Neighbor,

Property tax reform was my major goal this year after the outrageous property tax bills hit our mailboxes. It was clear that a massive overhaul of the system was needed and that is what residents received. House Enrolled Act 1001 was signed by Gov. Mitch Daniels on March 19, creating the largest property tax cut in state history. This plan will immediately provide almost \$900 million of property tax relief resulting in a statewide average property tax reduction of 25 percent for Hoosier homeowners.

Most importantly for Indianapolis, the state has picked up the cost of the pre-1977 police and fire pension obligations. This will save the city tens of millions of dollars each year, hopefully freeing up that money to give back to you.

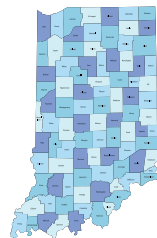
HEA 1001 also provides circuit-breaker protection for all classes of taxpayers which will be phased in through 2010. Homestead property taxes will be capped at 1 percent of a home's gross assessed value, agricultural and rental property will be capped at 2 percent of gross assessed value and business property will be assessed at 3 percent of gross assessed value.

House Enrolled Act 1001 is a tremendous step in the right direction. Yet, there remains more to be accomplished. As your representative, I look forward to continuing to reform our tax system and bring further relief to our community.

Again, I greatly appreciate your participation in this process, and I hope that you will continue to share your thoughts with me. If you have any additional questions regarding this or any other legislative issue, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon Elrod
State Representative
House District 97



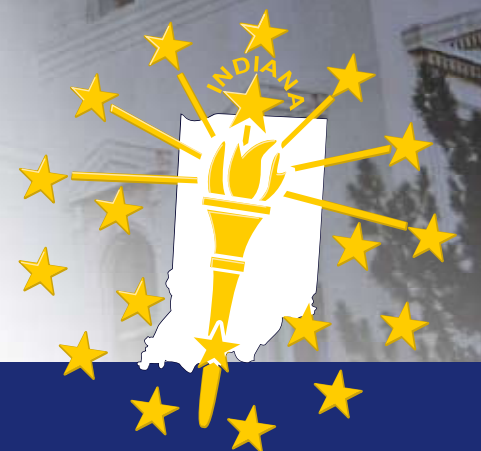
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HOOSIERS *demanded* *property tax* REFORM.

State Rep.
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delivered.





Immediate Relief. PERMANENT Reform.

The General Assembly's property tax plan, outlined by Gov. Mitch Daniels and the House Republicans' Standards for Success, created the largest property tax cut in state history. The plan offers Hoosier taxpayers immediate relief and the promise of permanent reform.

Help for Hoosier homeowners.

- Homeowners will see \$620 million in immediate relief for 2008.
- \$1 billion has been removed from property tax levies.
- Referenda empower voters to control or allow spending.
- \$140 million of relief is planned for 2009, and \$80 million of relief in 2010.

Help for all Hoosier property-tax payers.

- The plan cuts now and forwards the process to cap property taxes forever through a constitutional guarantee of permanent caps of 1 percent of assessed value for homesteads, 2 percent for rental and agricultural properties and 3 percent for all others
- The plan closes loopholes that allowed more government spending.

Help for local governments.

- At the county level, the costs of four child-welfare levies, juvenile incarceration and health care for the indigent are removed from property taxes. The state picks up these costs.
- At the municipal level, it removes from property taxes the remaining pre-1977 police and fire pensions, and it includes support for police and fire services. These costs are covered by the state.

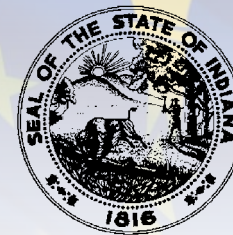
Help for Hoosier schools.

- The plan removes school operations and special education preschool costs from property taxes. The state will pick up these costs.
- It also includes \$120 million in circuit-breaker relief and increases tuition reserve fund money to \$400 million.

Help for low-income Hoosiers.

- The plan includes an overall decrease in taxes for many low-income taxpayers, renters' deductions, caps for low-income senior-citizen homeowners and earned-income credits.

*Well before the session
began...we wanted the
best results for
Hoosier taxpayers,
not Hoosier
tax-spenders.*



State Representative
Jon Elrod

I have always valued your input, thoughts, concerns and ideas. Here is some important contact information to reach me directly, as well as other important contact information you may find helpful:

Contact Representative Elrod

Statehouse Office:	317-232-9600
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Important Numbers

State Information Center	800-457-8283
Federal Information Center	800-688-9889
Indiana House	800-382-9841
Indiana Senate	800-382-9467
Gov. Mitch Daniels	317-232-4567
Sec. of State Todd Rokita	317-232-6531

Programs That CAN HELP YOU

Home Renovation and Repair:

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) created Individual Development Accounts to encourage rehabilitation of residences. Last year, the General Assembly voted to increase the matching funds the IHCDA is required to provide and the number of Individual Development Accounts. Under the program, Indiana matches \$3 for every \$1 saved by account holders. The IHCDA would be required to match up to \$1200 and may match up to \$2400 per account.

The program encourages people to take ownership of their property and to save money to keep up on repairs. Adding more matching dollars will hopefully expand the program and promote upkeep in homes around the city. You can access IHCDA by going to their website, <http://ihcda.in.gov/>, or by calling 232-7777.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):

As part of the Federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Congress created the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) as a way to encourage states to provide health insurance to uninsured children. The program permits states to expand children's health coverage to children whose family incomes exceed the requirements for Medicaid, but are insufficient to afford private insurance coverage. The plan provides health coverage to children less than 19 years of age with family incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. For more information call 1-800-889-9949.

Healthy Indiana Plan:

There are approximately 560,000 Hoosiers without health insurance on any given day. Last year, the General Assembly created the Healthy Indiana Plan, to provide health insurance to low income uninsured Hoosiers. The plan provides coverage for parents of Medicaid/SCHIP children, uninsured non-disabled childless adults, pregnant women, and children to age 24. Participants must be U.S. citizens, Indiana residents for 18 months, uninsured for six months, and ineligible for employer sponsored health insurance.

The plan will provide \$300,000 of annual insurance coverage with up to \$1 million of lifetime coverage. Participants would receive up to \$500 of preventive care services; and a \$1,100 personal health care account would be established to which each participant would contribute two to five percent of their gross income.

For more information or a HIP application, please call 1-877-GET-HIP9 (1-877-438-4479) or go to <http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/index.htm>.